

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD 727 Bryant Road Site 727 Bryant Road, Spartanburg, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract until January 16, 2013.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 12-6133-NRP, will affect approximately 2.38 acres identified by tax map number 7-04-00-030.02. Robert J. Fowler, Jr. wants to buy the property from its current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Robert J. Fowler, Jr.

The property was a hydraulics repair business with a machine shop and plating operations. General location uses around the property include undeveloped land to the north, Bryant Road to the east, and industrial property to the south and west.

Robert J. Fowler, Jr. intends to use the Property as a machine shop. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Robert J. Fowler, Jr. to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution. Robert J. Fowler, Jr. did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Robert J. Fowler, Jr. responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Robert J. Fowler, Jr. will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, Robert J. Fowler, Jr. will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, Robert J. Fowler, Jr. will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public_notice.asp. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

Citizens may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract until January 16, 2013. Questions or comments may be directed to Alex Fulmer, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.